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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7920  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ILO, ELAB, JA  
SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 113226, B) TOKYO 6937

1. SUBSTANCE REF A PASSED MAY 19 TO DEPUTY VICE MINISTER OF  
LABOR IWATA WHO EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR DETAILED  
EXPLANATION OF US VIEWS AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH  
INGRASSIA IN GENEVA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

2. IWATA AGAIN STRESSED GOJ PREOCCUPATION WITH PUBLIC  
SERVICE UNION ISSUE AT FORTHCOMING ILC. HE NOTED  
CRITICISMS OF JAPANESE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTIONS 87  
AND 98 CONTAINED IN THIS YEAR'S COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS  
REPORT AND SAID THAT LARGE DELEGATION BEING FIELDLED BY  
SOHYO AND ITS PUBLIC SECTOR AFFILIATES, EXPLOITING CRITICAL COMMENTS  
ON JAPAN IN EXPERTS' REPORT, WOULD MOUNT CAMPAIGN TO HAVE  
JAPAN PLACED ON ILO "BLACKLIST" (SIC). IWATA PREDICTED  
SOHYO UNIONS WILL FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON GOJ'S REFUSAL  
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TO ALLOW FIREMEN TO ORGANIZE.

3. IWATA ADDED THAT IF DIET SESSION SCHEDULED TO END MAY  
28 IS NOT EXTENDED, MINISTER OF LABOR  
ISHIDA WILL ATTEND ILC JUNE 6-8.  
IWATA SAID ISHIDA PERSONALLY HAS A LOT AT STAKE IN  
OUTCOME OF ILC DEBATE ON JAPANESE IMPLEMENTATION OF

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, SINCE IT WAS  
ISHIDA, IN ONE OF HIS PREVIOUS INCARNATIONS AS  
MINISTER OF LABOR, WHO FINALLY PERSUADED VERY  
RELUCTANT LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO RATIFY CONVEN-  
TION 87 IN 1965, AFTER YEARS OF DELAY.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH LABATT ON MAY 18,  
JAPANESE EMPLOYER DELEGATE YOSHIMURA SAID HE EXPECTED  
TO BE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF SELECTION COMMITTEE AND  
IN THIS CAPACITY WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO US POSITIONS  
ON CRUCIAL ISSUES. YOSHIMURA EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER,  
ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPACT OF WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES ON ILC DEBATE OVER ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR  
GENERAL'S REPORT.

5: GIVEN GOJ PREOCCUPATION WITH FREEDOM OF  
ASSOCIATION ITEM, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, WHILE  
SUPPORTING US POSITIONS, LIKELY TO BE EVEN MORE HESITANT  
THAN USUAL IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP ON OTHER ISSUES  
AT ILC.  
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